

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
May 29, 2008
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(draft)

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Elna Darrow, John Bourquin, Bruce Solberg, Marty Boursma, John Righetti, George Darrow, Paul Rana, Julie Spencer

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:04

Agenda: The motion was made to adopt the agenda as emailed. (m/sc Bourquin/ G. Darrow) Motion Passed

Minutes: The minutes were approved as amended (m/sc Darrow E/Rana) Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report: None Pat did submit two vouchers each 28.00. One is for advertising in the Lakeshore Country Journal and the other for copies of the Bigfork Survey.

Resort Tax Committee: The map for the selection of the Resort Tax Area has to be changed as there was too much residential in the one submitted and in order to have a Resort Area one has to have mainly a business (and future business) corridor hence the need for the revision. (See copy of Ken Weaver's letter to Sheryl Richmond in Secretary's notebook.

Lake County Planning: This committee will meet on Friday May 30, 2008, 9:00 am at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower. They are preparing for their Public Meetings which will be held on July 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Brumar Estate, 29048 Broken Leg Rd (off Highway 83) and July 23, 2008 at 7: 00 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church on Highway 35. Paul Rana mentioned they would be discussing forming a Planning and Zoning board for North Lake County, similar to the BLUAC with perhaps a different name. They will also be updating all the work they have been doing since last year, including maps of the proposed area and density zoning. They would like your discussion and input.

Vision Committee: In recess

Stormwater Committee: The committee information board was posted at the Paddlefest and many people stopped to read it and discuss the information with the committee members present. They also set up at the Whitewater event at registration in the Garden Bar with petitions that had just arrived. They got about 130 signatures that weekend .The biggest revelation that came from these two events was the fact there is a lack of knowledge between stormwater disposal, sewer disposal, and road runoff. Stormwater cannot be disposed through the sewer system as the capacity of the sewer is not enough to handle rain events per Julie Spencer of Bigfork Water and Sewer. The manhole covers must not have holes and the earth needs to be built up around the covers so the rain does not enter.

Swan Hill Road Association: John Righetti from the Association spoke in reference to the proposal brought before this committee three weeks ago. At first John's understanding was that 140 acres of the total 240 acres were to be given to Land Conservation and have trails that would be approachable from the wild mile. John was snowshoeing last winter and discovered 31 staked out home sites side by side as in some subdivisions in other areas. The problem is that they will need egress and regress through

Swan Hill Rd, which is a private road and maintained by the owners. Some other concerns: wells, and septic systems vs. Bigfork Water and Sewer, zoning, and fire suppression.

Neighborhood Plan: John Bourquin was in touch with Jeff Harris about the meeting on **June 18, 2008 6:00** which is a Public Meeting with regard to Neighborhood Plans, the Supreme Court Ruling and Flathead County's interpretation of that ruling. It will be held in the Earl Bennett Building.

There is another meeting one week later with the Planning Board and the Bigfork BSC and BLUAC and all interested persons to go over our revised plan and hoping it will be adopted that night. **It is June 25, 2008 6:00 pm at the Earl Bennett Building 6:00 pm.** Both of these are important meetings and we would love to see a lot of people attend and show support for this endeavor. Note: I have 2 copies that that Jeff Harris sent to John in response to his questions. They are titled "Flathead County Zoning Regulations, Section 1.04.020, Growth Policy/ Neighborhood Plan Analysis" and "Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office, Text Amendment To The Flathead County Zoning Regulations, Replacement Language for Section 1.04.020, Staff Report FZTA 08-02, April 15, 2008 If anyone is interested in them I can send them to you in email in a pdf file (Adobe Acrobat) or mail them to you. (attached to Secretary's notebook)

New Business: We will be holding fewer meetings this month. June 12, 2008 will be our next meeting and also will be our Community Forum meeting.

Announcements: More Meetings:

Dept of Transportation –Highway Safety June 4, 2008 Best Western White Oak Grand Hotel at 4824 U. S. Highway 93 at 6:30 pm.

Dept of Transportation-Highway Safety June 5, 2008 Best Western Kwataqnuq Resort Hotel 303 U. S. Highway 93 at 6:30 pm.

DNRC Woods Bay Land Sale DNRC will hold a Public meeting on the proposed Woods Bay Land Sale. I will send out a final notice on this by Tuesday. Some things are changing but it is still at Bethany Lutheran Church June 12, 2008. I will send an announcement out by Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 12.55

Pat Wagner, Secretary